

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-30 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 22-30 are added. Support for the new claims can be found, for example, in the original claims and in the instant specification at page 19, line 17 to page 20, line 8. In view of foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

New claim 22 is believed to be distinguish over the prior art of record, as none of the cited references teach or suggest a "method of using an image forming apparatus ... wherein the developer cartridge is detachably attached to the accommodating portion by bringing the developer cartridge into contact with the photosensitive member cartridge and rotating the developer cartridge about an axis to attach the developer cartridge to the accommodating portion." Claims 23-30 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 22 and thus are also believed to distinguish over the prior art of record.

In view of the foregoing and for the reasons set forth in the October 6, 2004 Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-30 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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